

### REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 25, 2006. Please amend claims 19, 32, 33, 35, and 37. Claims 19, 21-42 are pending in the application after entry of the amendment. Claims 19, and 21-42 stand rejected.

Claims 19, and 21-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent number 6, 070,158 by *Kirsch et al.* in view of U.S. Patent number 6, 169, 988 by *Asakura*. Independent claim 19 and dependent claims 32, 33, 35, and 37 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the amended independent claim 19, and its accompanying dependent claims 21-42 with the argument described below.

The Examiner is thanked for the phone interview of March 23, 2006. In the phone interview, the undersigned pointed out how the teachings of *Kirsch et al.* do not teach a log-in process that is coupled to the storing of the transmitted first data object description in the data object description table on the search engine. We confirmed that a "log-in process" by itself in isolation is not new, but the log-in process of the claimed invention is functionally coupled to the storing of the first data object description. Addition, a discussion was had with the Examiner regarding where the log-in process was transacted. The Examiner suggested that clarification should be placed on this feature in a following amendment, and for this reason, the undersigned amended the claims to specify that the log-in process is through a client. Additionally, the claims were amended to add clarification that the first data object description that has changed is what is transmitted upon the log-in process.

In regard to amended independent claim 19, *Kirsch et al.* describes a collection search system in response to a user query against a collection of documents to provide a search report. *Kirsch et al.* does not describe a first server configured to "transmit the first data object description that has changed to the search engine during a log-in process through a client of the first server with the search engine since a last connection of the first server to the search engine," as defined in claim 19. *Asakura* describes a data sharing system for efficiently transferring data on a network. *Asakura* also does not describe a first server configured to "transmit the first data object description that has changed to the search engine during a log-in process through a client of the first server with the search engine since a last connection of the first server to the search engine," as defined in claim 19.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of *Kirsch et al.* and *Asakura* fail to teach all the features of the claimed invention. In consequence, Applicants submit that

independent claim 19 is patentable over *Kirsch et al.* and *Asakura* and request the allowance of independent claim 19.

Claims 21-42 are dependent claims of claim 19. Based on the argument described above for claim 19, claims 21-42 are also patentable over *Kirsch et al.* and *Asakura*. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of their rejections.

In summary, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 19, and 21-42 and request that claims 19, and 21-42 be indicated to be allowable. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6924. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NAPSP275C). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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